mails may sometimes lead to dissatisfaction and increase in operational costs.

Availability of life saving drugs in the hospitals in Delhi/New Delhi and other Union Territories

*110. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that vital and life saving drugs are generally not available in the Government Hospitals in Delhi/New Delhi and the other Union Territories;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in many cases the drugs and injections are found to be sub-standard, the glucose bottles are found to be contaminated and the oxygen cylinders are found to be defective in many Hospitals;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to constitute a high-level Committee to monitor the quality of drugs administered in these Hospitals/CGHS Dispensaries ; and

(d) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons for not constituting such a Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) As regards the Government hospitals in Delhi/New Delhi, the vital and life saving drugs are generally available.

(b) There is a system under which the State/Union Territories Drug Controllers, periodically collect samples of drugs and injection for ensuring the quality control of the drugs. The Drug Controller, Delhi during the last two years has taken 129 samples from the Government hospitals in Delhi and out of them 23 including six of I.V. fluid samples have been found to be not of standard quality.

(c) and (d) No Sir. The existing system and procedure for procurement of drugs and monitoring of quality of drugs administered in Hospitals/CGHS Dispensaries are satisfactory.

Study team for Calcutta's telephone system

*111. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to send a team to study the telephone system in Calcutta and to find the ways to improve the system in that city ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir. An internal study group was formed to study and recommend special measures required for further improvement of Calcutta system.

(b) The study team consisted of officers from the Directorate and two officers from Calcutta Telephones.

Feasibility study of the design of Sea Control ship by France

*112. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 173 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1989 and state :

(a) by when the French Company would conduct a feasibility study regarding the design of the sea control ship and at which place ; and